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Mr. Joseph M. Rothstein
Administrative Assistant
Senator Mike Gravel
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rothstein,

On June 10 I wrote you and Tom Kelley of the Secret Service reporting the scanty results of my own inquiries into the threat or nut letter you received at your home, mailed from 1940 Luke St., Rockville, Md. I told you that I would make inquiries of a friend who knows one of the men I consider capable of having written such a letter.

The name on the return address is that of I.F. Stone, the writer whose views would not be congenial to the man I have in mind as a possible candidate.

There is no 1940 Luke Street in Rockville.

Today I received from my poet friend a letter reporting what can be interpreted as giving meaning to this false return address. St. Luke, chapter 19, verse 40, which is close enough to 1940 Luke Street:

"And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." (from the King James version, emphasis added)

As the underlining shows, there can be an explanation of I.F. Stone.

I leave it to you and Mr. Kelley to decide for yourselves whether there may be relevance to the reference to peace or to the not holding of peace.

This, of course, is not inconsistent with the original letter to you coming from a religious fanatic, which gives credibility to the Secret Service assumption this was a nut letter, if it does not explain inclusion of me (except in a threatening manner) or sending it to you at your home. It is also not inconsistent with coming from a man who fancies himself a poet, a man who tagged around after a beautiful woman who, when she left New Orleans, moved to Rockville, Md., where she does not now live. This man has been searching for his own religious creed and when last I heard of it his then belief was then described as "Zenarchy", a combination of "Zen" and "anarchy". And, a man of violence. I referred to a clinical psychologist's opinion that he is sick, and I have his writing in which he glorified in his own physical abuse of a woman and his subsequent attempt to gouge the eyes out of a man who chided him for it.

Sincerely,

cc: Tom Kelley

Harold Weisberg